

- Install an Anti-Theft Device. Examples include steering wheel locks, car alarms, and vehicle tracking systems.
- 🖶 Take Your Keys With You.
- Lock Your Car and Completely Close Your Windows. Don't make it any easier for an auto thief to enter your vehicle.
- Never Hide a Second Set of Keys in Your Car. Extra keys can be easily found if a thief takes time to look. It is common for auto thieves to break into cars and look for valet keys kept in the glove box.
- Park in Well-lit Areas.
- Park in Attended Lots. Auto thieves do not like witnesses and prefer unattended parking lots.
- Avoid Parking in Long Term Parking Lots. These lots are an easy target for auto thieves.
- Never Leave Your Car Running, Even if You'll Only be Gone For a Minute. Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.
- ♣ Don't Leave Valuables in Plain View. Don't make your car a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.
- If You Have a Garage, Use It. If you have a garage, take the time to use it rather than parking outside where your vehicle is more vulnerable. Make sure you lock your garage door.



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